

# AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO NEWSLETTER



Our Aims: To Enhance And Protect The Values, Privileges And Rights Of The Aircraft Maintenance Engineer

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## ***Ontario Aircraft Maintenance Engineers By The Numbers***

The aircraft maintenance industry has gone through changes like never before due to COVID-19. Aviation companies across the country had to do layoffs that lasted far too long. Some people were so happy to return as times got better but some others had to leave our industry. No one can blame them as they needed to do what they had to do. Now more than ever our industry has to grow with what we have. Now is the time more than ever that the National Association Aircraft Maintenance Engineers of Canada Techniciens D'Entretien D'Aeronefs du Canada (AMEC/TEAC.) representing all of Canada and each of the regionally based associations (Pacific, Western, Central, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic) MUST grow and support our industry in any way they can. I thought that if you could see the Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME) numbers this might help motivate you and others.

At the 2021 Ontario Aircraft Maintenance Conference held October 28, 2022 in Toronto, Ontario, Mr. Imi Waljee, Regional Director, Civil Aviation for the Ontario Region provided the opening remarks.

One fact he provided was the number of new AMEs that receive their licence every year for the last ten years across Canada. I hope the numbers will surprise you as they did I. Less than 500 new AMEs per year.

Year	New Licenses Issued	Year	New Licenses Issued
2011	445	2017	366
2012	389	2018	367
2013	418	2019	499
2014	431	2020	362
2015	384	2021*	346
2016	431	*(as of 2021-10-19)	

Doing a little research, I found that there were 15,804 Active AME licenses. To show how the numbers have been:

2017	14,780
2018	15,145
2019	15,639
2020	15,804 (as of June 30, 2020)

You can see that the number of active AMEs is slowly increasing but not at the same rate as new AMEs are licensed. I would image as new AMEs are coming in to the system some AMEs would be retiring or leaving the industry.

It is a good feeling to see the numbers increasing in the past but what will the effects COVID-19 have over the next few years. As the COVID-19 numbers are currently decreasing many Approved Maintenance Organizations across Ontario are looking to increase their staff, whether it be an airline or Flight Training Unit, the need will be increasing.

From my understanding most Colleges that offer Aircraft Maintenance Technician programs in Ontario have increased the number of entrants into their programs. Our industry has to support this by hiring the graduates and working them towards their licence one day.

As a member of the Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Association of Ontario here is where you fit in with your fellow AMEs by category. The largest number being in the M1 & M2 category.

As of February 15, 2022 for Ontario:

M1 – 570	M1 & M2 – 1,630
M2 – 1,499	M1 & E – 7
E – 595	M2 & E – 60
S – 188	M1 & S – 39
B – 5	M2 & S – 13

The total for the Ontario region is 4,607 AMEs, 4,504 male, 103 female.

Now we have a challenge for you. You've seen the numbers of AMEs in Ontario but our membership is just over 10% of that total. If you are a member, THANK YOU. We all need your help to increase our members so let's get started! Help promote our website [www.ame-ont.com](http://www.ame-ont.com) and all social sources with everyone you work with. Many non-members are not aware of the huge list of member benefits that could be saving them money and ever enough savings to help cover the cost of their membership. Sound Insurance, Work Authority, Mark's Work Warehouse, and many more. (I personally saved hundreds of dollars when I changed to Sound Insurances) Check out our website on benefits: [www.ame-ont.com/benefits](http://www.ame-ont.com/benefits)

They also need to know that they will be joining the National Association Aircraft Maintenance Engineers of Canada Techniciens D'Entretien D'Aeronefs du Canada (AMEC/TEAC.) representing all of Canada and their regional association as well. Their membership being divided in the national and regional associations.

Across Ontario we have Area Directors who would be happy to come to your hangar and provide information about our association.

If you are one of our Corporate Members, THANK YOU! If not, please consider being a Corporate Member: [www.ame-ont.com/partners](http://www.ame-ont.com/partners)

Do you know of an aviation event in your area that you think the Association might be interested in attending, please contact us at [association@ame-ont.com](mailto:association@ame-ont.com)

For you, can you get 2 or 3 of the people you work with to join the Association? That is a great start at us increasing our numbers!

Forward this Newsletter to your fellow AMEs. Print a copy off and leave it in the lunchroom or message board for others to read.

How to join:

<https://members.ame-ont.com/join>

If you missed our in-person 2021 Aircraft Maintenance Conference please make a point of joining us for 2022. Save The Date - November 2 & 3, 2022 for the Ontario Aircraft Maintenance Conference in Toronto, more to follow.

Your support will be greatly appreciated by all. Thank You!

Stay Safe!

Will Boles

Director At large

Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Association of Ontario, AME -M1

## ***AME Association Board News***

As part of the “Promote and Mentor” support the association provides to individuals working towards their AME License, our association provides a \$500 Scholarship Bursary. They are awarded to deserving students at the various colleges with aircraft maintenance programs. An updated process and criteria was approved at the April board meeting. This was information was distributed to the colleges and will be posted on our shortly.

We currently have openings for Program Advisory Committee (PAC) members at Mohawk and Fanshaw Colleges and we would also like to have a representative at Confederation College. PAC members advise the colleges of industry requirements and opportunities for their programs. PACs usually meet for a few hours twice a year and will liaise with the program director to arrange industry visits, obtain special training equipment, and sometimes arrange for work experience sessions or job interviews following graduation. An AME Association PAC Representative does not need to be a director but would be an association member who will represent the association at the college and promote the advantages of membership both as students and in a career as an AME. If you could serve as one of our PAC representatives – please contact us at [association@ame-ont.com](mailto:association@ame-ont.com).

Wayne juniper has stepped down as one of our Directors at Large and as the Mohawk College PAC representative. Sam Longo has been voted in to replace him on the board.

## ***Condolences***

Our heartfelt condolences to Ole Nielsen on the passing of his wife Tuula. Ole has been serving on our Board of Directors and is a past president of CFAMEA (now AMEC/TEAC). For more information please see <https://mcfarlane-roberts.ca/tribute/details/687/Tuula-Nielsen/obituary.html#tribute-start>

## ***Careers in Aviation Expo***

Our association will be having a booth at the **Careers in Aviation Expo on May 7<sup>th</sup>**. The event is set to take place at the 220,000-square-foot production and research facility of Diamond Aircraft Industries at London Airport. Diamond Aircraft is one of the world’s leading composite aircraft manufacturers.

The AME Association will be promoting the opportunities in the aircraft maintenance professions.



For more information see:

<https://www.careersinaviation.ca/location/london-ontario/>



## KNOWING YOUR PRIVACY RIGHTS IN INSURANCE

You may be wondering what this has to do with AMEs in Ontario. The idea of this article originated when I got an email from an insurance company asking for the nationality of one of my clients. It had to do with at least one insurance company refusing and canceling coverage to Russian based and related clients. I can admit that this took me by surprise.

Canada has long considered Privacy as a fundamental right and protects the privacy of its citizens with *the Privacy Act* used by governmental authorities, and *PIPEDA (the Personal Information Protections and Electronics Document Act)* used by businesses. All Insurance brokerages are required to follow PIPEDA which keeps us accountable for the way we use, collect, and store your information.

In the case noted above, PIPEDA Principle 5 – Limiting Use, Disclosure, and Retention would come into place. It states that one of our responsibilities is “*Collect, use or disclose personal information only for purposes that a reasonable person would consider appropriate in the circumstances.*” Asking about and potentially cancelling a company’s insurance because of the nationality of an owner is in no way reasonable or appropriate, in my opinion.

Fortunately for brokers, when we feel we are asked to do something that is against our client’s best interest (or is unethical, unreasonable, or inappropriate), we can contact our local associations for firm direction (and backup). I contacted the Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario, and the answer I received was a strong NO, unless there was a legal demand for that disclosure, all of our consumer information must be treated as private and confidential.

A large part of the insurance processes is giving your personal information to an insurance broker or company in order to get a quote. Therefore, it is important to know what you may have to disclose and what will be done with your information.

Generally, insurance brokers don’t collect information they don’t need, won’t pass on information that the insurance company doesn’t need, and will have procedures in place to protect your information. They also have an elected Privacy Officer who you can contact at any time with your concerns. You also **always have the right to obtain, review, and challenge the accuracy of all personal information kept by your broker** pertaining to your insurance.

The following table includes some of the information you may be asked for while obtaining insurance. If you have questions on how your information will be used in deciding your coverage eligibility, I encourage you to ask your broker.

Personal Information Disclosed on Insurance Application	
General	Aviation Specific
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Name</li><li>- Address</li><li>- Contact information</li><li>- Age</li><li>- Gender</li><li>- Claims History</li><li>- Property/Vehicle Details</li><li>- Medical History</li><li>- Payment Methods and Information</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- AME licence type and experience</li><li>- Pilot licence type and experience</li><li>- Association Affiliations (i.e., AME, COPA, EAA, etc.) and membership numbers</li><li>- Type of aircraft worked on</li><li>- Annual Income/Receipts</li><li>- Client names</li><li>- Contracts with insurance requirements</li></ul>

You can find more information and a quick overview of PIPEDA and how your information is protected by all commercial organizations in Canada here: [PIPEDA in Brief](#).

As always, I am happy to answer any questions that you may have at any time.

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### **SOUND INSURANCE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FOR AME ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO MEMBERS**

- ⚙ Aviation Liability & Property Insurance for AME Contractors
- ⚙ Home & Auto Insurance at Group Rates
- ⚙ Health & Dental Insurance Program
- ⚙ Private Aircraft and Hangar Insurance

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## ***Membership Renewals***

A large number of membership renewals take place at the end of March. It has been noted that some individuals are having the HST added to their membership renewals, while others are not. At our AGM in November last year we discussed the discrepancy created in our finances as we are now must collect HST for membership dues. Proper accounting requires us to account for these taxes and issue a report. In turn we receive a credit from the government for any invoices that we, in turn, pay tax on – so it is not all lost to the CRA.

We have tried to set the web based system we use for membership tracking to add the HST to the membership dues. Unfortunately this is not working in all renewal cases. Our service provider is working with us to ensure that the system is corrected and we hope that it will be functioning properly soon.

## ***Ride to Conquer Cancer***

One of our board members is set to bicycle from downtown Toronto to Niagara Falls as part of the annual “[Ride to Conquer Cancer](#)” fundraiser. Shaun Warboys and a group from Air Canada are set to head out on this grueling, yet fun, ride on June 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>.

You can support him and donate to this cause at: <https://supportthepmcf.ca/ui/Ride22/p/ShawnWarboys>





## ***Transport Canada / Civil Aviation Feedback – Canadian Aviation Service Difficulty Reports***

Throughout the year, articles are added to the [Feedback website](#) on a regular basis. An e-Bulletin notification is sent to subscribers, which includes a PDF document of the articles published since the last notification, and links to tables. The full accessible version of each article is available on the [website](#). This PDF allows subscribers to print a consolidated version of the latest information published online.

For further information on **e-Bulletin**, you may wish to visit: <https://wwwapps.tc.gc.ca/Comm/5/ListServ/Menu.aspx?lang=eng>. You can also contact Transport Canada's Civil Aviation Communications Centre at 1-800-305-2059 for questions regarding this service.

## ***From the Editor***

Articles, questions and suggestions are welcome – please send me your comments or articles.

*A big thank you to everyone  
who contributes to the newsletters.*

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